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"I Am the Way, the Truth and the Life."—Jesus

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## Editorial

### Announcement

Beginning with the third issue of next month, September 21, some changes will be made in the EVANGELIST, and as always before, with a view of a better adaptation to the needs of our people. By special arrangements now in contemplation, we hope to be able to give our readers a greater variety of original matter, and otherwise improve the paper. The coming year, beginning October 1, should be made the best the EVANGELIST has ever enjoyed, not only financially, but in usefulness also. Of course the former includes the latter, for with increased financial support, the paper is sure to grow in usefulness.

### Now in Session

When this issue of the paper reaches our readers the National Conference of the Brethren churches will be in session at Winona Park, Indiana. May the Holy Spirit of God guide the thoughts and direct all the deliberations of the conference to the honor and glory of God's name.

### Doctrines and Duties

It is a good thing to love the doctrines of the gospel, an affection which indicates a healthy spiritual life cherished by the knowledge and acceptance of scriptural truth. But it is a higher evidence of grace to be able to say that we love the duties of religion as well as its doctrines. "I delight to do thy will," is a sentiment which should be wrought out in every Christian experience. That way lies a fullness of blessing which cannot be realized in a half willing or a joyless service.

### God's Plan of Salvation

The above is the title of a new book issued by brother S. W. Wilt, Toll Gate, W. Va., and published for him by the Brethren Publication Board. The book contains 70 pages, printed on good paper, from large clear type and bound in paper cover. Our readers will remember a series of articles by Brother Wilt, published in the EVANGELIST during the year 1897, beginning in January of that year. To these Brother Wilt has added several articles, together with a preface and an address to the reader, and has had them put up in book form. This shows enterprise on the part of our brother, as it was no small expense to him to have the book published. The price of the book is 15 cents, or two for

25 cents, postage paid. For sale by the author, S. W. Wilt, Toll Gate, W. Va., or it will be sent from this office, if desired. The book treats the several steps in God's plan of salvation, such as Faith, Repentance, Conversion, Baptism, Feet-washing, The Lord's Supper, The Eucharist or Holy Communion. It also contains chapters on the Bible, the gospel as God's perfect plan of salvation, ground that is infallibly safe etc. The author desires agents for the sale of his book. Address him as above for full particulars.

### The Canteen Must Go

Since the beginning of our war with Spain which has now come to a close, a strong movement has been inaugurated for the abolition of the army canteen, and the movement is having its effect. We are pleased to note the position taken by the leaders of our armies. The following letter written by Major-General Shafter, and addressed to the *Voice of New York* will be read with gratitude in many American homes.

I have not seen the order, No. 67 [from General Miles], to which you refer, but I am in full sympathy with it. I have always been strongly opposed to the canteen system or the sale of intoxicating drinks of any kind on military reservations; and have opposed it until absolutely overruled and required to establish a canteen at my post. I regard it as demoralizing to the men, besides impairing seriously their efficiency. There are always, in every regiment, a number of men who will, under any circumstances, get and drink liquor, but the great majority are temperate, abstemious men; and it is to those that the evil effects of the post exchange system works the greatest injury; as young men who would not think of going away from the post for liquor will, when it is placed before them and every inducement offered them to purchase, do so, and thus gradually acquire habits of intemperance. The plea that it furnishes a large sum, which it does, to improve the table fare of the men, is, in my opinion, a very poor one, as the Government of the United States is perfectly able to feed its men without any assistance from the profits of rum-selling. I have absolutely prohibited the sale of liquor or the opening of saloons in the city of Santiago, and have refused permission for cargoes of beer to come from the States here. I think that the necessity of refraining from drink is fully realized by all the men, and of their own accord they would refrain from drinking.

### College Notes

Do not forget the date of opening—September 6.

If those who are coming will let us know when they will arrive we will gladly meet them at the depot.

The recitation rooms are all ready for the class-work to begin. We have also set in order a number of rooms at the Hall for the young ladies. Shall we keep a room for you?

The young men will room in private homes. A number of nicely furnished rooms are at our disposal. If the young men who are coming from our churches will write us we shall be glad to look up suitable rooms for them.

It is the intention to run a boarding club at the Hall. This will be open to all who wish to board there. The price of the board will be determined by the wishes of the students forming the club.

The outlook for a good attendance is encouraging. If all who have written us saying they were coming will come we shall have a goodly number from our churches. We will also have students from this county.

But however large or small the attendance may be as teachers we will do our work thoroughly and conscientiously. We shall aim to educate in the best and broadest sense. The highest end of all education is to enable men and women to do their duty toward God and man. We shall do all in our power to make the stay of our students pleasant and profitable.

J. A. MILLER.

### The Heavenly State

"It doth not yet appear what we shall be." Why should it? It is impossible in the nature of things for us to conceive of conditions of being totally outside of our experience. We have no knowledge whatever of the essence of life and therefore cannot reason out, or imagine, its phenomena beyond the sphere of actual observation. We shall be perfect, and we shall be happy, free from care, free from pain, but these are ideas growing out of our experience in this world, where we are imperfect and unhappy, oppressed with care and racked with pain. The powers, the faculties, the environments and employments of that life are subjects totally beyond our comprehension. They could not be conveyed to us by words, or by familiar imagery. A feeble worm is transformed into a beautiful butterfly, but while he remains a worm not the faintest idea of his approaching change, either as to the fact